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SUBJ: SIT- IN ON PANAM AIRCRAFT

REF: A) NEW DELHI 7426; B) NEW DELHI 7382; C) NEW DELHI 7381

1. DURING A CALL ON ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY TRIVEDI JUNE 25, THE CHARGE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INDIAN FORCEFUL REMOVAL OF UGANDAN ASIANS FROM A PANAM AIRCRAFT THE PREVIOUS EVENING. THE ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY REPLIED THAT HE HAD GIVEN THE ORDER FOR THE FORCED EVACUATION FOR THE SAME REASON THAT THE CHARGE HAD REQUESTED IT: THAT NOT EVEN A HUMANITARIAN CAUSE SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO INTERFERE WITH THE FREEDOM OF INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAFFIC. THERE HAD BEEN SOME LEGAL PROBLEMS WHICH INDIAN OFFICIALS HAD HAD TO STRAIGHTEN OUT BEFORE THEY COULD ACT. THE GOI ALSO HAD POLITICAL PROBLEMS WHICH HAD TO BE CONSIDERED WHEN IT DEALT WITH UGANDAN ASIANS. NEVERTHELESS IT WENT AHEAD WITH THE REMOVAL BY FORCE.

2. THE ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID HE BELIEVED PANAM HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ERRED IN AGREEING TO CARRY THESE PASSENGERS IN THE FIRST PLACE.
THE CHARGE REPLIED THAT PANAM HAD ALREADY BEEN ADVISED TO
EXERCISE GREATER CAUTION IN ASSURING THAT PROSPECTIVE PASSENGERS
HAVE PROPER DOCUMENTS FOR ADMISSION INTO COUNTRY OF TICKETED
DESTINATION, ESPECIALLY ASIAN UK PASSPORT HOLDERS.
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